

[Review of objections to 2024-2025 rateable values completed](#)

The Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) has reviewed about 72 000 objections received from March 18 to May 31 regarding the new rateable values in the Valuation List and the Government Rent Roll and issued Notices of Decision (Form R22A) in respect of these objections in phases.

A spokesman for the RVD today (November 22) said that anyone who lodged an objection during the above period and has yet to receive a Notice of Decision by November 30 should contact the RVD's Customer Service Officer at enquiries@rvd.gov.hk or 2150 8833.

The spokesman said that any alterations in rateable values resulting from the review will take effect retrospectively from April 1 this year, and adjustments to the amount of rates and Government rent payable will be made in subsequent demands.

[InvestHK promotes Hong Kong's advantages and opportunities in maritime and logistics industry during Hong Kong Maritime Week 2024 \(with photos\)](#)

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) announced today (November 22) that it has fully leveraged on Hong Kong Maritime Week 2024 (HKMW2024), organised by the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board, to promote Hong Kong as a premier logistics and maritime hub in Asia and its advantages as a multinational supply chain management centre.

Speaking at the events during HKMW2024, the Head of Transport& Logistics and Industrials at InvestHK, Mr Benjamin Wong, said, "Hong Kong ranked fourth in the world as an international maritime centre in the latest International Shipping Centre Development Index Report, with more than 900 maritime companies in the city. It has a decades-long strength in foreign trade, high-quality professional services, an excellent port, airport, and other infrastructures and reliable trade financing options that position the city as a multinational supply chain management centre."

He added, "Hong Kong offers various tax concessions for qualifying ship agents, ship managers and ship brokers to facilitate their ownership and operation in Hong Kong, fostering the development of shipping commercial principals in the city. Together with its status as an international maritime legal and arbitration centre, as well as its strategic location in the heart of Asia and simple and low tax regime, the city is the perfect platform for shipping and logistic companies to expand into Mainland China and Asia."

As an organising partner of the HKMW2024, InvestHK has supported various events during the week, including the Hong Kong Global Maritime Trade Summit, the Opening Ceremony of HKMW2024 and World Maritime Merchants Forum (WMMF), WMMF Main and Thematic Forums, the Asian Logistics, Maritime and Aviation Conference, the Xinde Marine Forum Hong Kong, the Captain's Table Live Final, the Workshop of Green Ammonia Bunkering for Ocean Going Vessel Stakeholders and many more to promote Hong Kong's strengths as an aviation and logistics hub.

For photos, please visit

www.flickr.com/photos/investhk/albums/72177720322094724.



Appeal for information on missing woman in Ma On Shan (with photo)

Police today (November 22) appealed to the public for information on a woman who went missing in Ma On Shan.

Tse Hing-chun May, aged 64, went missing after she left her residence on Sai Sha Road on November 20 night. Her family made a report to Police yesterday (November 21).

She is 1.68 metres tall, about 50 kilograms in weight and of thin build. She has a pointed face with yellow complexion and short black hair. She was last seen wearing a pink jacket, dark jeans, white sports shoes and carrying a blue sling bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1176 or 9689 6212, or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Red flag hoisted at Stanley Main Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (November 22) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2024 gazetted

The Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2024 was published in the Gazette today (November 22).

A spokesman for the Environment and Ecology Bureau said, "The Government is committed to enhancing the environmental hygiene of Hong Kong and resolving environmental hygiene problems that cause irritation to members of the public. Further to increasing fixed penalty levels for offences such as littering in October 2023, the Amendment Bill is now introduced to enhance enforcement efficiency and deterrent effect to effectively achieve sustainable improvements in environmental hygiene."

Situations such as water seepage in buildings and water dripping from air-conditioners cause nuisance to the neighbourhood. For effective handling, the source of the nuisance must first be ascertained, and the relevant owner or occupier should be urged to abate the nuisance within a reasonable time. To enable investigation officers to enter premises suspected of being the source of the nuisance as soon as possible, the Amendment Bill recommends making it an offence for failing to comply with a notice of intended entry without reasonable excuse, and extending the period allowed for entering premises for investigations from the current period between 7am and 7pm to between 7am and 10pm, accommodating contemporary lifestyle and work schedules of citizens. The Amendment Bill will also increase penalty levels for non-compliance with the Government's notices and/or court orders for abatement of nuisances within a specified period to better ensure that public health nuisances are abated expeditiously.

In addition, owners or occupiers of premises should maintain good hygiene on their premises. If no action is taken against vermin infestations in premises, the risk of disease transmission increases. For vermin problems occurring in common parts of buildings, the Amendment Bill recommends, with reference to relevant measures to prevent mosquito breeding, that a notice be served to the persons responsible for management of the building (e.g. owners' corporations and property management companies) to tackle vermin problems in common parts of buildings as soon as possible. This will prevent the problem from affecting other flats in the building.

The Amendment Bill also includes adjustments to the maximum penalties which the court may impose for offences related to vermin infestations,

occupation of public places by miscellaneous articles causing obstruction to scavenging operation and illegal display or affixation of bills or posters to ensure sufficient deterrent effect. Relevant penalty levels have not been adjusted since 1996. Furthermore, the Amendment Bill recommends introducing a new provision on shopfront extension in the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132). This will allow the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to handle shopfront extension situations independently, including requiring shops to remove obstructing articles themselves, or allowing the department to remove obstructing articles when no owners have come forward, as well as stipulating the mechanism for disposing of removed articles. The amendments regarding shopfront extension aim to enhance enforcement efficiency and define the nature of the offence; they will neither change current enforcement standards for shopfront extension under the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228) nor adjust the penalty levels.

The spokesman said, "We propose that the relevant amendments take effect three months after gazettal following the passage of the Amendment Bill by the Legislative Council. During the three-month period, the FEHD will conduct extensive publicity for relevant sectors and the general public, so that all parties will understand the relevant amendments. We believe that the Amendment Bill will enable the Government to handle various environmental hygiene problems more effectively in the future, thereby resolving problems for citizens and building a more liveable environment."

The Amendment Bill will be introduced into the Legislative Council for its first reading and second reading on December 4.